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MINUTES

of the

Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

of the

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

Held With The

CHURCH AT LIBERTY HILL,

Sept. 20, 21, 22, 1930.

OFFICERS

ELDER O. C. MULLIS, Moderator - - Route 2, Unionville, N. C.
L. C. BLACKWELDER, Clerk - - - Route 1, Mount Pleasant, N. C.
H. M. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk, - - - - - Peachland, N. C.

Next session will convene with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Union County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and third Sunday in September, 1931.

RULES GOVERNING THE "ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK" PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1st. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that Church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another Church to assist in the business transaction of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature, except it has first been passed upon by the local Churches composing this Association, then the work of the Churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring it or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local Churches, shall be considered out of order by the Church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this body in the form of a minute.

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PROCEEDINGS

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. P.W.Williard. After an intermission of one hour, re-assembled in the house, and after praise and prayer by Eld. D.W. Denmark, of the Lotts Creek Association, the church and invited messengers and visitors, proceeded to business, as follows: Eld. O. C. Mullis, pastor of Liberty Hill Church, acted as Moderator and Bro. L. C. Blackwelder, Clerk, called H. M. Baucom and M. N. Todd to his assistance.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who were in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches which were handed in and read and their status noted.

From Pleasant Grove..T. A. Helms, W. B. Helms, T. F. Mills and others.

From Watson..J. V. Baucom, S. C. Helms, Henry Curlee, J. T. Simpson and others.

From High Hill..M. N. Todd, Durant Preslar, S. H. Edwards and others.

From High Ridge..Lonnie Thomas.

From Lawyer's Springs..C. P. Grffiin, P. A. Griffin, H. M. Baucom and others.

From Union Grove..S. D. Outen, S. H. Privett, Simon Privett, G. C. Baucom, T. F. Hill and others.

From Bethel..Represented by letter.

From Meadow Creek..D M Hathcock, W H Hatley, John Smith.

From Mountain Creek..A. J. Deese, J. C. Miller, J. E. Russell and others.

From Liberty Hill..Whole Church.

Freedom..Being only 4 in number and having no house of worship, gave themselves letters and united with Mountain Creek Church.

3. The pastor of Liberty Hill Church was authorized to appoint committees on finance and preaching, who in turn appointed a member from each church as a committee on finance and preaching.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats.

From Dan River..Eld. P. W. Williard, Eld. W. F. Pruitt and brethren A. Burroughs, P. Almond and others.

From Lotts Creek..Elders M L. Riner and D.W.Denmark.
From Carolina Association..Eld. A. N. Green.
5. Distributed Corresponding Minutes as usual.

SATURDAY MORNING

6. Met in the house pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Eld. P. W. Williard, proceeded to business as follows:

Called on finance committee to report.

Reported sent up by the churches this year $89.50

7, On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the church at Pleasant Grove, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1931, and continuing three days, and that the officers of that church be the officers of the Association, with the privilege of calling in assistance if they desire.

8. It was agreed to have 800 copies of these minutes printed, and H. M. Baucom is requested to have the job done, and that we allow him $35.00 to have said job done.

9. On motion it was agreed that we extend thanks to God for His blessings, and to the people of this vicinity for their hospitality during this meeting.

Thus ended one of the best Association meetings it was ever my pleasure to attend.

The preaching was a unit and was glorifying to God and edifying to His people.

It is pleasant to observe how the Lord preserves His aged servants. Eld. Williard, 82, preaches with the same power and boldness that he did when he was much younger, and Eld. Riner, another old man, spoke with power demonstration of the spirit. The younger ones likewise were humble and at the feet of their older brethren.

ELDER O. C. MULLIS, Moderator.

L. C. BLACKWELDER, Clerk, Mt. Pleasant,N.C. Route 1
H. M. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk, Peachland, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association to our sister Associations with whom we correspond--- Greetings :

Dear Brethren : Through the mercy and love of Divine Providence, we are permitted to meet again in an Associational capacity, and are, we hope, made to be thankful for all of God's blessings. We have our trials and afflictions, but a God of mercy we hope, looks over and cares for us in all our tribulations and distresses. God's precious gifts are among us and we believe they preach the truth as it is in Christ the Lord. In all our troubles we hope to be able to say as David, that his anger endureth for a moment, and that in His fervor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Brethren, we desire your prayers, and as often as you can, your presence with us, and our sincere desire is that God may guide and direct us all in the way of all truth and make us to seek after the things that make for peace. Visit us as often as you can. Seek the old paths and walk in them. We desire your love and fellowship, your sweet communion, and hope is that when we have finished our earthly career we may meet around the throne of Sovereign mercy, there to sing praises to the matchless name of one who has done so much for us. M. N. TODD.

Names and Addresses of Ministers Present,

ELDER O. C. MULLIS, Unionville, N. C., Route 2
ELDER P. W. WILLIARD, High Point, N. C.
ELDER P. J. WASHBURN, Marshville, N. C.
ELDER W. F. PRUITT, Ruffin, N. C.
ELDER M. L. RINER, Collins, Ga.
ELDER D. W. DENMARK Statesboro, Ga.
ELDER A. N. GREENE, Gastonia, N. C.
ELDER W. E. BENTON, Shallotte, (unable to be present)
Licentiate: C. N. MULLIS.

Order of Preaching.

Friday A. M. Elder P. W. Williard.
Friday P. M. Elder D. W. Denmark.
Saturday A. M. Elders A. N. Greene and M. L. Riner.
Saturday P. M. Elders P. W. Williard & P. J. Washburn.
Sunday A. M. Elders D. W. Denmark & P. W. Williard.
Sunday P. M. Elders M. L. Riner & P. J. Washburn.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8, We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12 We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Ex. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by Confession	Total membership	Sunday of meeting	Contributions
Pleasant Grove	Eld. P. J. Washburn	T A Helms, Marshville, N.C.	11	2	0	0	16	1	0	34	2	$10.00
Watson	Elds. P. J. Washburn, O. C. Mullis	Preston Helms, route 2, Unionville, N.C.	13	1	0	2	2	2	0	39	4	10.50
Union Grove	Eld. W. F. Pruitt	F. L. Baucom Monroe, N. C., route 2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	64	2	10.80
High Hill	Eld. J. R. Wilson	C. T. Mills Monroe, N. C., route 2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	39	1	15.00
High Ridge	Eld. O. C. Mullis	Lonnie Thomas, Marshville, N. C., route 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	2.60
Bethel	Eld. W. E. Benton	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	2.00
Lawyers Springs	Eld. J. R. Wilson	H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N.C.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	10.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. O. C. Mullis	L. C. Blackwelder, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. Rt. 1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	10	0	1.10
Meadow Creek	Eld. O. C. Mullis	D. M. Hathcock, Stanfield, N.C.	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	15	0	2.00
Mountain Creek	Eld. P. J. Washburn	J. E. Russell, Albemarle N. C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	5.00
		Total	30	9	1	2	24	4	2	288		67.90

Expense for minutes ..... $35.00 Handed in for Minist'rs $21.60

Distributed to ministers present ..... $54.50 Total funds $89.50